

CAPSULE SUMMARY -MAIDSTONE BARN 'A' (CT-1062)

Located on Maidstone in northern Calvert County, this and its sister barn (CT-1063) lie just north and east of the house and yard. This barn measures 26 x 28 with sheds on all sides. The shed on the east now serves as a center aisle passage between barns 'a' and 'b'. This is one of only two barns in which the tobacco tier poles were laid in the same direction as the roof axis. The barn also has a built-in corn crib and closely fit siding on the north and south sides of the main block suggesting that the adjacent sheds were built for stabling livestock.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

(See also (CT-5) Maidstone House)

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Maidstone Barn

and/or common Maidstone Barn A

## 2. Location

street &amp; number (Highway 260) Chesapeake Beach Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Owings \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district

state MD county Calvert

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mrs. Jean Hicks

street &amp; number (Highway 260) Chesapeake Beach Road telephone no.: n/a

city, town Owings state and zip code MD 20736

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liberAWR 20

street &amp; number Main Street (MD 765) folio 371

city, town Prince Frederick state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. CT-1062

### Condition

☒ excellent

☐ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

### Check one

☐ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Attachment.

## 8. Significance

Survey No.

CT-1062

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-1062

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Tora L. Williamsen-Berryorganization c/o Calvert County Historic District Commission date June 30, 1990  
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## 7. DESCRIPTION CT-1062

Maidstone Barn A is located on the historic house site known as Maidstone. Portions of the house date to the eighteenth century, and originally belonged to the Chew family. The barn discussed here is pushed up against another barn known as Maidstone Barn B, and is the oldest on the property. From the exterior, these barns appear to be one structure. On closer examination it becomes apparent that they are completely separate in such essential items as roof and timber frame. The two barns are located to the northeast of the house site. Maidstone Barn A is the westernmost of the two barns. Its roof is on an east-west axis. There are two other barns on the property located to the west of barns A and B. Maidstone barn A is a square barn measuring twenty-six by twenty-eight feet. It is surrounded by sheds on the north, west, and south sides. The shed on the east side now serves as a central aisle-passage between barn A and barn B.

The original twenty-six by twenty-eight foot barn had entrances along the north and south facades. These doors have early hand-wrought hinges. The bay system of the barn consists of nine, eight, and nine feet. The barn contains nine rooms. The heavy timber frame is supported on large logs. All the timbers are hewn and the posts are joined via mortise and tenon joints with trunnels. Fully mature machine cut nails are visible in the frame. There is a large timber lifted eight feet above ground, that may have once been the original cross-sill. The top plate at the junction with the ten foot wide aisle section, is separate from that in the interior of the barn, and there is evidence of siding along the east wall of the twenty-six by twenty-eight foot barn. Tier poles are laid in an east-west direction, the same as the axis of the roof line and are separated by forty-eight inches vertical distance. The siding is of large vertical boards. The north and south boards are snug and the west side is open for ventilation. There is an early floored corn crib to the west. The roof is steeply pitched. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. Shingle nailers are visible under the current metal roofing. Three collars serve to support the roof.

Early or original to the structure were the corn crib area, and the sheds to the north and south. The twelve foot wide south shed is open-air. The posts and tie beams are hand hewn, thereby indicating that this is an early shed, if not original. The posts are earth-fast. The rafters of the barn below their junction with the south shed are not visible, and since it is open-air it is sided, on the south wall of the barn, so it is impossible to determine if this was an original shed. There are shingle nailers in place under the metal roof. The twelve-foot wide north shed is constructed of the same materials as the south shed. The west shed is a corn crib. The corn crib posts are hand hewn and pit sawn. The sills are placed on logs and cinder blocks. The posts and other materials are marked with Roman

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numerals in the order of their location in the structure. The crib is floored with wide plank flooring. There are three small doors on the west side through which the corn is inserted. The room is divided by a passage-way from north to south and from door to door. The corn crib door has machine-cut nails and early hinges. The top plate of the ten foot wide east shed is separate, and there is evidence for siding on the east wall of the barn. The east wall of this shed was also entirely sided, and the framing is completely separate from barn B. As such, it appears that the east shed that is now a ten foot wide central passage between the two barns, was a later addition to barn A. This east shed is also constructed of hewn timbers and fully mature machine cut nails.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1062

Maidstone Barn A is architecturally significant for several reasons. The fact that it is built up against another barn is unusual. Also unusual are its squarish shape and twenty-six by twenty-eight foot measurements. The tight siding on the north and south sides may indicate that the sheds in these locations were used for siding. This is the only nineteenth century barn in which the tier poles were laid in the same direction as the roof axis. It is also one of the very few barns recorded in the survey that has a built-in corn-crib associated with it. This barn was constructed of unusual methods and designed for diverse functions.

This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to its cultivation than for both of the next most extensive farm products (corn and wheat). The barns and stripping houses related to this "Tobacco Culture" are widely recognized as the most common element on the rural landscape. These structures are also the most threatened, as the market for tobacco declines. They seem to have, at present, only limited capabilities for reuse. Many barns and stripping houses now stand empty. The purpose of this survey has been to gather information and document a wide sample of these structures before they disappear from the landscape.

Historic Period theme(s): ca. 1830-; Tobacco; Agriculture  
Geographic Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert  
Cty MD  
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1830-Present  
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn; corn crib; stable

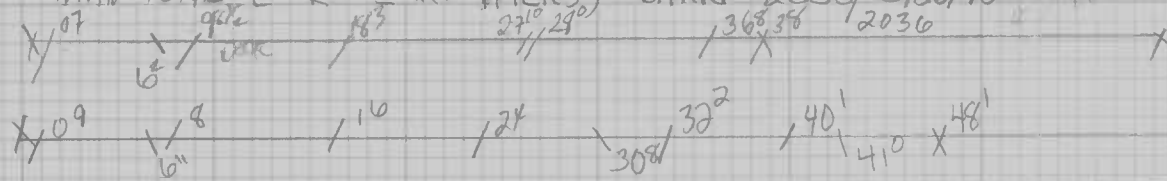
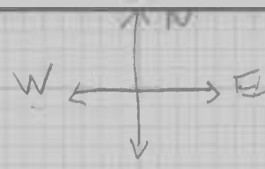
The barn has undergone many changes. A shed was added to the east that was later converted into a central passage between barn A and barn B. The most significant change was the placing of another barn (Maidstone barn B) immediately against barn A. Concrete supports have been added, and the shingle roof has been changed to metal. The essential plan of the barn has remained the same.



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MIDSTONE (MRS. EARL HICKS)

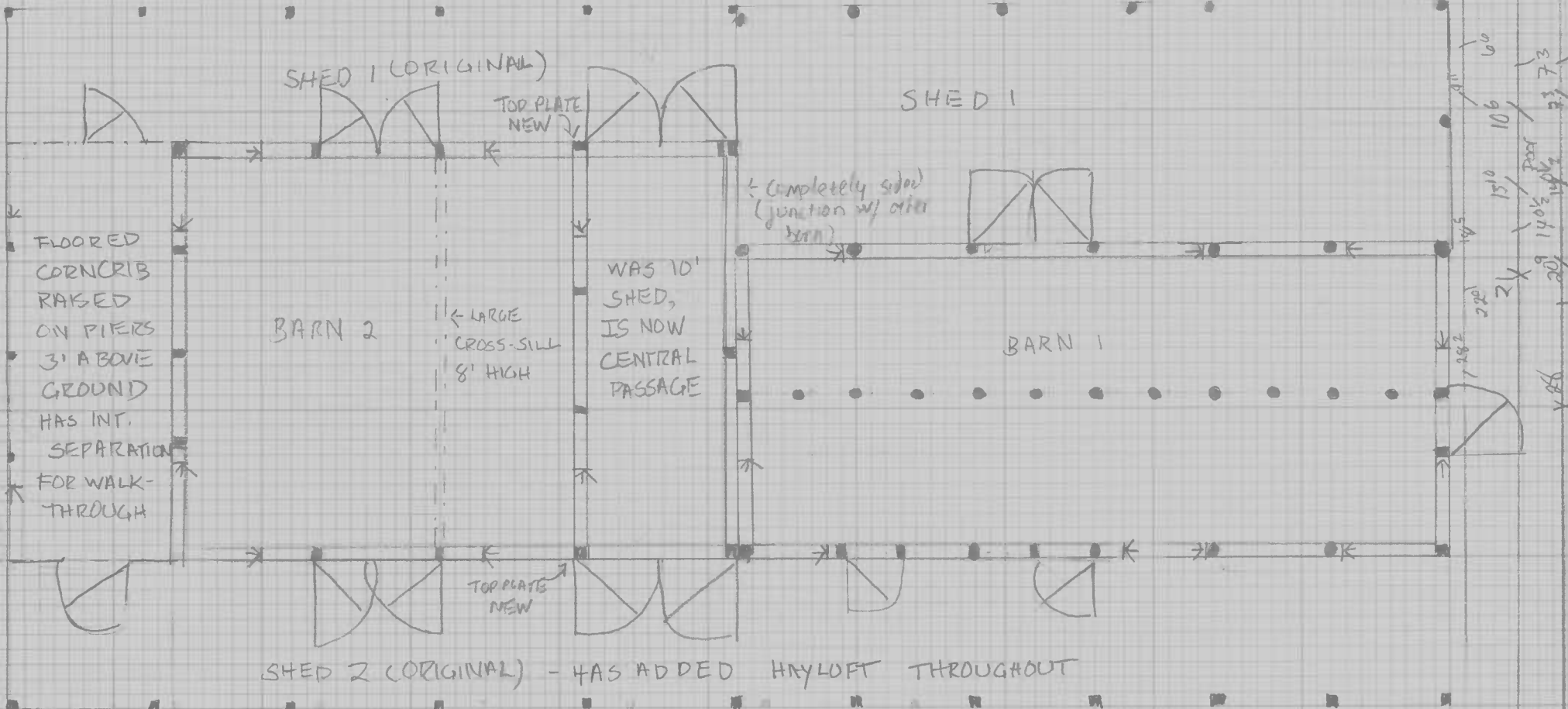
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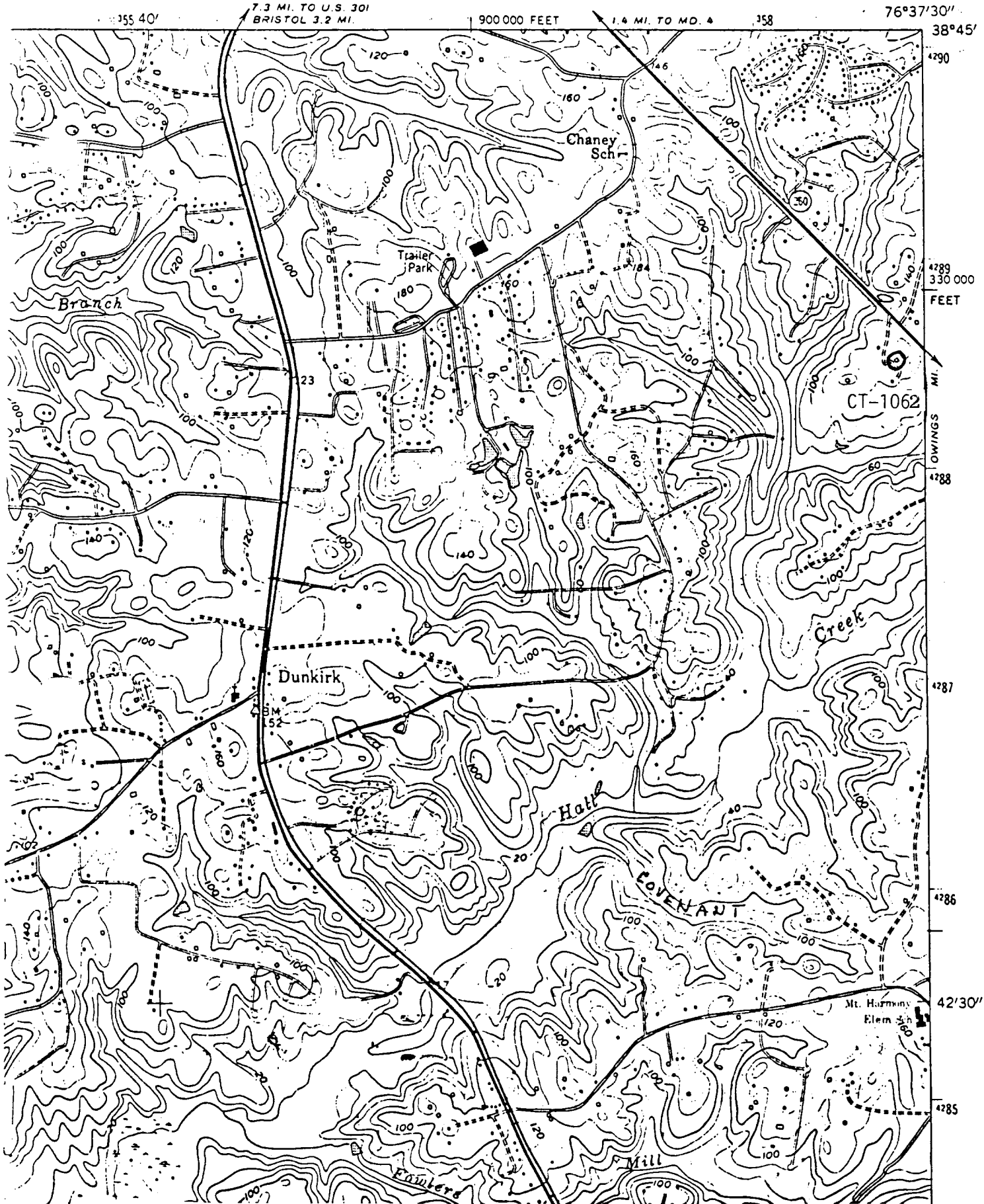
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MAIDSTONE BARNs 'A', 'B'

OWINGS

TORA L. WILLIAMSEN

NORTHEAST

MARCH 1990